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REISSUE

1. REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR "IBA" AND "URAL" TO SEND PERSONAL TELEGRAMS TO MOSCOW
2. "SERGEI" REPORTS ABOUT "DAEDALUS'" WIFE
3. REQUEST FOR SANCTION OF PAYMENT OF 25,000 DOLLARS TO "BLISS"

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 1741

12th December 1944

To VENICE[1].

[14 groups unrecovered]

400,000 dollars.

[8 groups unrecovered]

No. 953

Permission is requested by IBA[ii] to telegraph her sister LEBEDEVA[iii] at Apartment 16, 53 TRET'YA MESHCHANSKAYA and by URAL[iv] to telegraph SOSNIKOV[v] at Apartment 55, 19 SPARTAKOVSKAYA [5 groups unrecovered]. Please give permission.

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SERGEI[vi] has repeatedly rung up DAEDALUS'[DED'L][vii] wife and the woman who is living in her apartment says that she has left for Europe. When he rang earlier the answer was that she was out of town. The parcel and the letter have not been forwarded[a].

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We ought to pay BASS[BAS][viii] 25,000 dollars in connection with the transfer by him of money[ix] to the COUNTRYSIDE[DERSVNYa][x]. The funds were [B] promised by MAKSIM[xi] and TWAIN[TVEN][xii]. [D] Give permission.

No. 956.

MAY[MAJ][xiii]

Note: [a] or "Passed on/handed over".

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] IRA: Maria Andreevna TOLSTIKOVA, wife of Valentin Efimovich TOLSTIKOV who attended Columbia University as a student between 18 Feb. 1944 and 19 Oct. 1946. Personal cables were addressed to her at AMTORG by a Nadya LEBEDEVA of MOSCOW in January and April 1945.

[iii] LEBEDEVA: See Comment [ii] above.

[iv] URAL: Possibly Nikolaj Prokop'evich KURZENOV.

[v] SOSNIKOV: Not identified.

[vi] SERGEJ: Vladimir Sergeevich PEAVDIN. TASS representative in U.S.A.

[vii] DAEDALUS: Pierro COT. COT's wife sailed from NEW YORK on 21 October 1944, to work in Europe for UNRRA.

[viii] BAS: Michael W. BURD (originally WEISBUND).

[ix] The money was possibly, at least in part, connected with the arrangements for obtaining Mexican transit visas for "THE COUPLE" for their visit to MOSCOW, in which arrangements MAKSIM and TWAIN were both involved.

[x] COUNTRYSIDE: MEXICO.

[xi] MAKSIM: Vasilij Mikhailevich ZUBILIN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK January 1942 - April 1943, Second Secretary at WASHINGTON Embassy April 1943 - August 1944.

[xii] TWAIN: Semen Markovich SEMONOV.

[xiii] KY: Stepan Zakharovich APRESTOV.

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